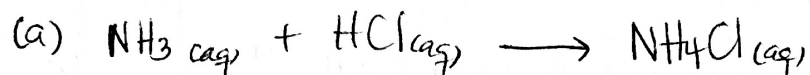


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Show all your work!

1. (4 pts.) A buffer contains significant amounts of ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) and ammonium nitrate ( $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ ). (a) Write chemical equation showing how this buffer neutralizes added HCl. (b) Do you expect the pH of the buffer to decrease or increase after the addition of HCl? Why?



(b) The pH of the buffer will decrease after the addition of HCl. Ammonia neutralizes HCl and its concentration decreases while the concentration of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  (weak acid of buffer) increases so pH is lower than initial pH.

2. (6 pts.) Two 40.0 mL samples of unknown acids A and B are studied by titration with a 0.100 M NaOH solution. One sample is aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid,  $\text{pK}_a = 3.52$ ), and the other is vinegar (acetic acid,  $\text{pK}_a = 4.74$ ).

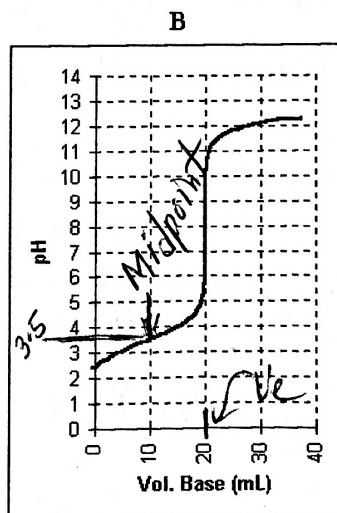
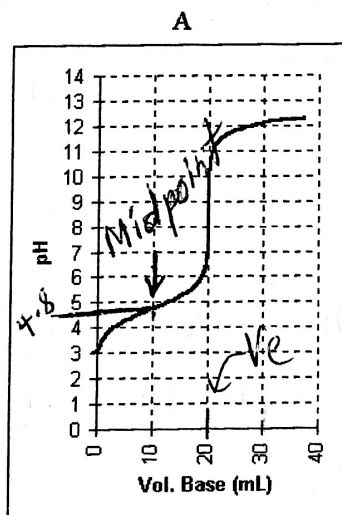
- (a) Which titration curve corresponds to which acid? Briefly explain.  
(b) What are the concentrations of the two acids samples?

(b)  $C_a V_a = C_b V_b$

$$C_a = \frac{C_b V_b}{V_a}$$

$$C_a = \frac{(0.100\text{M})(20.0\text{mL})}{40.0\text{mL}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.0500\text{M}}}$$



\* Both acids' concentrations are the same. (Same volume of acid titrated & same equivalence volume).

(a) Equivalence Point ( $V_e$ ) = 20.0 mL

At  $\frac{1}{2}V_e$ ,  $\text{pH} = \text{pK}_a$

A:  $\text{pK}_a \approx 4.8$

Acetic Acid  
(Vinegar)

$\frac{1}{2}V_e = 10.0\text{mL}$  (Midpoint)

B:  $\text{pK}_a \approx 3.5$

Acetylsalicylic Acid  
(Aspirin)

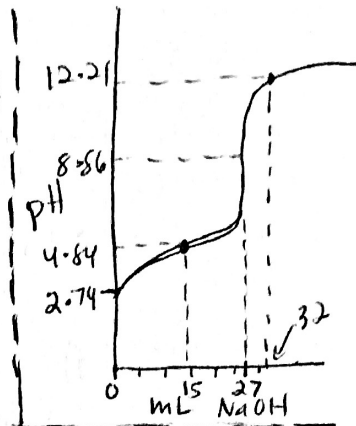
3. (15 pts.) Consider the titration of a 30.0 mL sample of 0.180 M acetic acid ( $\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2$ ) with a 0.200 M  $\text{NaOH}$  solution. Calculate the pH after the following volumes of the  $\text{NaOH}$  solution have been added: 0 mL, 15.00 mL, at the equivalence point and 32.00 mL. Also, sketch a rough titration curve for this titration. Acetic Acid's  $K_a$  is  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ .

$$V_e = V_b = \frac{C_a V_a}{C_b} = \frac{(0.180 \text{ M})(30.0 \text{ mL})}{0.200 \text{ M}} = 27.0 \text{ mL NaOH}$$

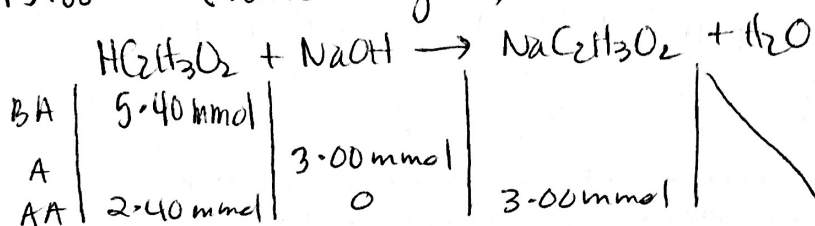
$V_b = 0 \text{ mL}$  (Weak Acid Soln)

$$[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+] = \sqrt{K_a \times [\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2]} = \sqrt{(1.8 \times 10^{-5})(0.180)} = 1.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(1.8 \times 10^{-3}) = \underline{2.74}$$



$V_b = 15.00 \text{ mL}$  (Buffer Region)

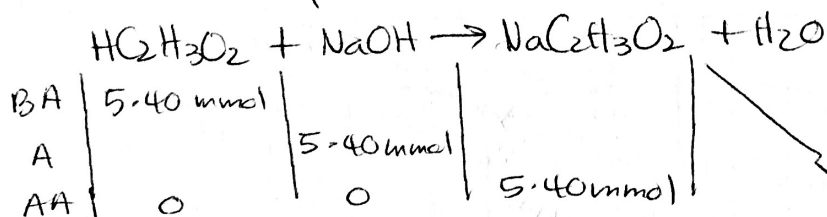


$$\text{pH} = \text{p}K_a + \log \frac{[\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-]}{[\text{HC}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2]}$$

$$\text{pH} = -\log(1.8 \times 10^{-5}) + \log \frac{(3.00)}{(2.40)}$$

$$\text{pH} = \underline{4.84}$$

$V_b = 27.0 \text{ mL}$  (Equivalence Point - Weak base Soln)



$$[\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-] = \frac{5.40 \text{ mmol}}{57.0 \text{ mL}} = 0.0947 \text{ M}$$

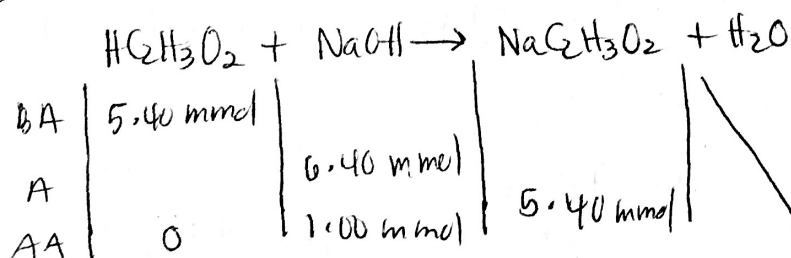
$$K_b = \frac{1.0 \times 10^{-14}}{1.8 \times 10^{-5}} = 5.6 \times 10^{-10}$$

$$[\text{OH}^-] = \sqrt{K_b \times [\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2^-]} = \sqrt{(5.6 \times 10^{-10})(0.0947)} = 7.3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(7.3 \times 10^{-6}) = 5.14$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 5.14 = \underline{8.86}$$

$V_b = 32.00 \text{ mL}$  (Excess Strong Base)



$$[\text{OH}^-] = [\text{NaOH}] = \frac{1.00 \text{ mmol}}{62.0 \text{ mL}} = 0.0161 \text{ M}$$

$$\text{pOH} = -\log(0.0161) = 1.792$$

$$\text{pH} = 14.00 - 1.792 = \underline{12.21}$$